

BILLINGHAM URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Annual Report of Medical Officer of Health for the year
1941.

Mr Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

"I have the honour to present my Report for the above year and it must again be of a summary nature as recommended by the Ministry.

POPULATION.

The resident population given for the year 1941 was 20,320 and the population at the date of the 1931 census was 17,972.

BIRTHS.

The number of live births was 386 of which 185 males and 201 females were.
The number of still births was 12, 4 males and 8 females.
The birth rate was 19.01 per 1,000 population.

DEATHS.

There were 195 deaths, 96 males and 99 females, which, on an estimated population of 20,320, gives an annual death rate of 9.7 per 1,000 population.

Of these deaths the largest incidence was from:-

Tuberculosis	7 males	7 females
Intra-cranial vascular lesions	4	4
Heart diseases	17	20
Pneumonia	8	13
Road traffic accidents	5	2

There were 30 deaths of children under 1 year of age which gives an infantile death rate of 75 per 1,000 live births.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.

616 cases have been notified as compared with 199 in 1940. This apparent disproportion was caused by the introduction of the notification of whooping cough and measles.

Scarlet fever	20	as compared with	67	in	1940
Diphtheria	60	"	22	"	"
Whooping Cough	150	"	22	"	"
Erysipelas	6	"	4	"	"
Measles	352	"	58	"	"
Pneumonia	28	"	22	"	"

VITAL STATISTICS.

The following are extracts from the vital statistics sent by the Registrar General.

	Males	Females	Total	
Births - Legitimate.	179	192	371	Birth Rate 19.0 per 1,000 population.
- Illegitimate.	6	9	15	
Still births - Legitimate.	4	7	11	
- Illegitimate.	-	1	1	
Death rate calculated on estimated population 20,320.	96	99	195	Death Rate 9.7 per 1,000 population.
Infantile deaths.				
Legitimate.	14	13	27	Death Rate 75 per 1,000 live births.
Illegitimate.	2	1	3	
Women dying in consequence of childbirth.				
From Sepsis.		Nil.		
From other causes.		1		

Tuberculosis.

New Cases.

Deaths.

Age Periods Years	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
0 - 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 - 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 15	1	2	4	-	1	-	-	-
15 - 25	-	2	-	4	2	2	-	-
25 - 35	2	2	-	-	-	3	-	-
35 - 45	1	-	-	-	-	2	2	-
45 - 55	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
55 - 65	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
65 & over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals								
Notified 23	6	6	6	5	-	-	-	-
Deaths 14					5	7	2	-

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

During the mass immunisation there were 3518 complete immunisations done and a further 139 who for one reason and another only had one injection performed. Of the 3518 complete injections done the following are the particulars.

Pre-school age. 740
District schools. 2642
Secondary Schools. 136

3518

Causes of Death.

	Males	Females.
Suicide.	1	1
Other violent causes.	6	-
All other causes.	6	7
Typhoid and paratyphoid fevers.	-	-
Cerebro spinal fever.	-	3
Scarlet Fever.	-	-
Whooping Cough.	-	1
Diphtheria.	1	4
Tuberculosis Pulmonary.	5	7
Other Tuberculosis.	2	-
Syphilitic diseases.	1	-
Influenza.	1	-
Measles.	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis and Polio encephalitis.	-	-
Acute infectious encephalitis.	-	-
Cancer of Buccal cavity and oesophagus (M) and uterine (F).	1	3
Cancer of stomach and duodenum.	1	1
Cancer of Breast.	-	4
Cancer of all other sites.	2	3
Diabetes.	1	-
Intra-cranial vascular lesions.	4	4
Heart diseases.	17	20
Other diseases of the circulatory system.	3	4
Bronchitis.	9	9
Pneumonia.	8	13
Other respiratory diseases.	4	1
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum.	3	-
Diarrhoea (under 2 years).	1	-
Appendicitis.	1	-
Other digestive diseases.	3	2
Nephritis.	2	5
Puerperal and post abortion sepsis.	-	-
Other maternal causes.	-	1

